

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A gift mediation system that implements gift mediation via a network through access to data storage means, which is provided on a server and stores predetermined data therein,

said gift mediation system comprising:

first memory means that stores registry of information on a recipient, who is expected to receive gift, together with individual information used for authentication on the network;

second memory means that stores a password used to authenticate a giver who desires to give the gift on the network;

permission means that identifies the individual information in response to a requirement for access via the network and gives authorization to access said data storage means via the network when identity with at least part of the individual information registered in said first memory means is verified;

wish list registry means that registers a wish list including at least one item for the gift into said data storage means by the authorized access; and

wish list reference means that allows the wish list to be referred to by access via the network using the password stored in said second memory means.

2. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first memory means comprises means that stores registry of information on at least two recipients together with individual information on a single individual.

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3. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first memory means comprises:

event registry means that registers a type of event for the gift; and

10 means that stores registry of information on a plurality of recipients together with individual information on a single individual when the type of event registered in said event registry means coincides with a preset event involving the plurality of recipients, such as engagement or wedding.

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4. A gift mediation system in accordance with any one of claims 1 through 3, said gift mediation system further comprising:

20 address registry means that registers an address of the giver who desires to give the gift; and

notification means that notifies the address registered by said address registry means of the password and information on a procedure of gaining access to said data storage means, on completion of the registry by said wish list registry means.

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5. A gift mediation system in accordance with any one of claims 1 through 4, wherein said wish list registry means

comprises:

item information storage means that individually stores information on a plurality of items;

item selection means that causes at least one item to  
5 be selected among the plurality of items stored in said item information storage means; and

enumerative display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item selected by said item selection means in an enumerative manner.

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6. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 5, wherein said item information storage means comprises means that stores information on each item with its category in said item information storage means and displays the stored  
15 information on the plurality of items classified by the category for selection of the at least one item by said item selection means.

7. A gift mediation system in accordance with either  
20 one of claims 5 and 6, wherein said item information storage means stores at least information on a price of each item and a photographic image representing appearance of each item, and

said enumerative display means displays the  
25 photographic image of the appearance of each item in a magnifiable manner.

8. A gift mediation system in accordance with any one of claims 1 through 4, wherein said wish list registry means comprises:

5 item information acquisition means that obtains information on items from another data storage means, which is present on the network, together with information for identifying said another data storage means; and

10 enumerative display means that extracts at least information on a price of each item and the information for identifying said another data storage means among the information on the items obtained by said item information acquisition means, and displays the extracted information in an enumerative manner.

15 9. A gift mediation system in accordance with either one of claims 5 and 8, wherein said enumerative display means comprises means that displays a 'Delete' button to instruct deletion of a specified item from the registered wish list.

20 10. A gift mediation system in accordance with any one of claims 1 through 9, said gift mediation system further comprising:

25 display means that displays the wish list of the at least one item registered by said wish list registry means in an enumerative manner, in response to access using the password;

application means that individually accepts an offer

of payment for each item included in the displayed wish list;  
and

offer record display means that displays an offer record  
of the item for which the payment has been offered.

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11. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim  
10, wherein said application means comprises partial payment  
application means that allows partial payment for a specific  
item displayed by said display means to be offered by the  
access using the password,

said gift mediation system further comprising:

total pay offer display means that displays a total  
of pay offer for the specific item.

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12. A gift mediation system in accordance with either  
one of claims 10 and 11, said gift mediation system further  
comprising:

payment demand means that requires a giver who has  
offered the payment to actually pay for the item for which  
the payment has been offered.

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13. A gift mediation system in accordance with any one  
of claims 10 through 12, said gift mediation system further  
comprising:

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detailed information display means that displays the  
wish list of the at least one item registered by said wish  
list registry means in an enumerative manner, as well as

information for authenticating the giver who has offered the payment with regard to the item for which the payment has been offered, in response to the access via the network authorized by said permission means.

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14. A gift mediation system in accordance with any one of claims 10 through 13, said gift mediation system further comprising:

10 due time memory means that stores a due time of access to said data storage means;

due time detection means that detects elapse of the due time; and

15 notification means that notifies a registrant who has registered the wish list of information on the item for which the payment has been offered, in response to the detection of the elapse of the due time.

20 15. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 14, wherein said first memory means comprises means that stores registry of an address for delivery of the item for which the payment has been offered and a postal address of the recipient who is expected to receive the gift, as the information on the recipient.

25 16. A gift mediation method of implementing gift mediation via a network through access to data storage means, which is provided on a server and stores predetermined data

therein,

said gift mediation method comprising the steps of:  
storing registry of information on a recipient, who  
is expected to receive gift, together with individual  
5 information used for authentication on the network in a  
predetermined storage device of said server;

storing a password used to authenticate a giver who  
desires to give the gift on the network in said storage device  
of said server;

10 identifying the individual information in response to  
a requirement for access via the network and giving  
authorization to access said data storage means via the  
network when identity with at least part of the individual  
information registered in said storage device is verified;

15 registering a wish list including at least one item  
for the gift into said data storage means by the authorized  
access; and

allowing the wish list to be referred to by access via  
the network using the password stored in said storage device.

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17. A gift mediation system that implements gift  
mediation via a network through access to data storage means,  
which is provided on a server and stores predetermined data  
therein,

25 said gift mediation system comprising:

memory means that stores registry of information on  
a recipient, who is expected to receive gift, together with

individual information used for authentication on the network;

authentication means that authenticates a giver who desires to give the gift on the network;

5 first permission means that identifies the individual information in response to a requirement for access via the network and gives authorization to access said data storage means via the network when identity with at least part of the individual information registered in said memory means is verified;

10 wish list registry means that specifies a wish list including at least one item for the gift, based on information regarding items other than the predetermined data stored in said data storage means, after the access authorized by said first permission means, and registers information on the specified wish list in said data storage means; and

wish list reference means that allows the wish list to be referred to by access identified on the network by said authentication means.

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18. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 17, said gift mediation system further comprising:

second permission means that gives authorization to access another data storage means, which is connected to said data storage means via the network, after the authorized access to said data storage means; and

item information acquisition means that obtains

information on items stored in said another data storage means,  
in response to a specified instruction,

wherein said wish list registry means specifies the  
wish list of the at least one item for the gift, based on  
5 the information obtained by said item information acquisition  
means, and registers the information on the specified wish  
list in said data storage means.

10 19. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim  
18, wherein said item information acquisition means obtains  
information on description of respective items, such as  
product names and product numbers of the items, as well as  
information on an address, at which the information on the  
items is stored in said another data storage means.

15 20. A gift mediation system in accordance with either  
one of claims 18 and 19, wherein said data storage means stores  
in advance information on items as the predetermined data,  
said item information acquisition means obtains both  
20 the information on the items stored in advance in said data  
storage means and the information on the items stored in said  
another data storage means, and

said wish list registry means registers both the  
information obtained by said item information acquisition  
25 means on a common list in said data storage means.

21. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim

20, said gift mediation system further comprising:

display means that displays the information registered on the common list in said data storage means in an enumerative manner.

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22. A gift mediation system in accordance with any one of claims 18 through 21, said gift mediation system further comprising:

settlement means that settles an account of each item included in the wish list, whose information is registered by said wish list registry means, between said server managing said data storage means and another server managing said another data storage means via the network.

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23. A gift mediation system in accordance with claim 17, wherein a terminal that gains access to said data storage means via the network is installed at a shop of a retailer who sells items, and

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said wish list registry means specifies the wish list of the at least one item for the gift, based on information on items checked at the shop by the recipient who is expected to receive the gift, after access authorized by said terminal, and registers information on the specified wish list in said data storage means.

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24. A gift mediation method of implementing gift mediation via a network through access to data storage means,

which is provided on a server and stores predetermined data therein,

said gift mediation method comprising the steps of:  
storing registry of information on a recipient, who  
5 is expected to receive gift, together with individual  
information used for authentication on the network in a  
predetermined storage device of said server;

authenticating a giver who desires to give the gift  
on the network;

10 identifying the individual information in response to  
a requirement for access via the network and giving  
authorization to access said data storage means via the  
network when identity with at least part of the individual  
information registered in said memory means is verified;

15 specifying a wish list including at least one item for  
the gift, based on information regarding items other than  
the predetermined data stored in said data storage means,  
after the authorized access, and registering information on  
the specified wish list in said data storage means; and

20 allowing the wish list to be referred to by access  
identified on the network.

25 25. A recording medium, in which a program is recorded  
in a computer readable manner, said program being executed  
to gain access to data storage means, which is provided on  
a server and stores predetermined data therein, via a network  
and register an item for gift in said data storage means,

said program causing a computer to attain the functions  
of:

obtaining information on items stored in another data  
storage means by access to said another data storage means  
5 that is different from said data storage means, in response  
to a predetermined instruction; and

specifying a wish list including at least one item for  
the gift, based on the obtained information, and registering  
information on the specified wish list in said data storage  
10 means.